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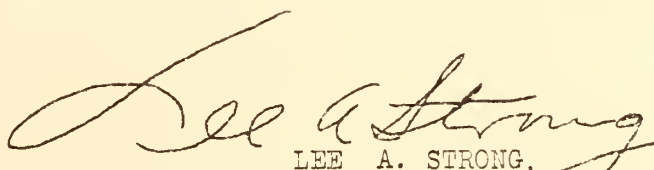
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This summary of the plant-quarantine import restrictions of the Australian Territory of Papua has been prepared for the information of nurserymen, plant-quarantine officials, and others interested in the exportation of plants and plant products to that Territory.

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The information contained in this circular is believed to be correct and complete up to the time of preparation, but it is not intended to be used independently of, nor as a substitute for, the original texts, and it is not to be interpreted as legally authoritative.



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BASIC LEGISLATION

Plants' Diseases Ordinance, No. 28, November 20, 1911.  
Plants' Diseases Ordinance, No. 17, November 25, 1913.  
Cotton Ordinance, No. 11, September 8, 1925.

SUMMARY

Importation Prohibited

COFFEE SEED (Coffea spp.): Importation prohibited, except when obtained by or through the Director of Agriculture. (Statutory Rules, No. 10, May 8, 1929, p. 7.)

TOBACCO SEED (Nicotiana tabacum L.): Importation prohibited, except when obtained by or through the Director of Agriculture. (Statutory Rule No. 4 of Apl. 9, 1934.)

BANANAS, BANANA PLANTS (Musa spp.) or parts thereof: Importation prohibited. (Proclamation of May 23, 1927, p. 8.)

LIVING PALMS, ORNAMENTALS, AND FRUIT TREES AND ANY LIVING PART thereof except the seeds: Importation from the Malay Archipelago prohibited. (Proclamation of Feb. 8, 1932.)

Importation Restricted

PLANTS, INCLUDING TREES OR PLANTS, cuttings, slips, and all live parts of trees or plants the entry of which is not prohibited: Importer shall notify customs of intent to import; on arrival of the plants they shall be placed at disposal of customs for fumigation. (Statutory Rules, No. 4, Feb. 28, 1923, p. 6.)

COTTONSEED (Gossypium spp.): Importer shall notify customs of intent to import; he shall also furnish to customs a certificate from responsible officer of the Department of Agriculture of Queensland that the cottonseed has been examined and fumigated by said Department, or that it has been examined and is found free from disease. (Statutory Rules, No. 4, Feb. 28, 1923, p. 6.)

SUGARCANE (*Saccharum officinarum* L.): Importer shall notify customs of intent to import and shall produce to the Director of Agriculture the following certificates: (1) Fumigation certificate from Queensland Department of Agriculture; (2) certificate from properly qualified pathologist that the sugarcane proceeds from a disease-free area and is itself free from disease; (3) certificate from properly qualified entomologist that the sugarcane is free from injurious insects. (Statutory Rules, No. 11, July 21, 1930, p. 7.)

#### Legislative Authority

Plants' Diseases Ordinance of 1911, as amended by Ordinance No. 17, of November 26, 1913, authorizes the Lieutenant-Governor of the Territory by proclamation, inter alia, to prohibit or restrict the importation of plants; to seize and dispose of every insect, fungus, tree, plant, or vegetable imported into the Territory contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance or proclamations or regulations issued thereunder; to inspect imported trees, plants, or vegetables; to make regulations to control the importation of trees, plants, or vegetables.

The Cotton Ordinance, No. 11, September 8, 1925, authorizes the Lieutenant-Governor to regulate, prohibit, or restrict the importation into the Territory of the cotton plant or any variety thereof.

#### Definitions

The following definitions are included in Ordinance No. 28, of November 20, 1911:

"Disease": Any disease affecting trees, plants, or vegetables caused by or consisting of the presence of any insect or fungus, as well as any other disease affecting trees, plants, or vegetables which the Lieutenant-Governor may from time to time, by proclamation in the Gazette, declare to be a disease within the meaning of this Ordinance and whether or not so caused by or consisting of the presence of any disease or fungus.

"Insects" and "fungi" are those so declared by proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor in the Gazette within the meaning of this Ordinance in whatever stage of existence they may be.



## DECLARED DISEASES, INSECTS, AND FUNGI

Through the Proclamation of January 26, 1912, the Lieutenant-Governor declared the following to be diseases, insects, and fungi within the meaning of Ordinance No. 28, of November 20, 1911, namely:

### Diseases

#### COCONUTS (Cocos nucifera L.):

- Leaf disease (Pestalozzia palmarum Cke.).
- Root disease (Fomes sp.).
- (Stem) bleeding disease (Thielaviopsis paradoxa (De Seyn.) v. Hoch.).
- Bud rot (Phytophthora spp.) or (Pestalozzia palmarum Cke.).

#### RUBBER (Hevea spp.):

- White-root rot (Fomes lignosus Klotzsch).

#### SUGARCANE (Saccharum officinarum L.):

- Leaf disease.
- Red rust (Puccinia kuehnii (Kr.) Butl.).

### Insects

#### COCONUTS:

- Solomon Island stag beetle (Eurytrachelus pilosipes Waterh.).
- Solomon Island elephant beetle (Xylotrupes nimrod Voet. = X. gideon L.).
- Solomon Island rhinoceros beetle (Trichogomphus semmelinki Rits.).
- Ceylon rhinoceros beetle (Oryctes rhinoceros L.).
- Red beetle or Asiatic palm weevil (Rhynchophorus ferrugineus Oliv.).
- Cane beetle (Sphenophorus obscurus = Rhabdocnemis obscura Boisd.).
- Small palm weevil ((Calandra) Diocalandra taitensis Guerin).
- Cabbage-palm beetle or leaf hispa (Brontispa froggatti Sharp).
- Copra bug (Necrobia rufipes Degeer).
- Longicorns (a) Xixuthrus costatus Montrouz.
- Longicorns (b) Olethrius tyrannus Thoms.
- Phasma or leaf insect (Graeffea crouanii (Le Guillou) syn. Lopaphus coccophagus Westwood).
- Coccids (Coccidae).
- Stink bugs (Pentatomidae).



Insects (Cont'd)

RUBBER:

White ants (Termes spp.).

SUGARCANE:

Cane beetle ((Sphenophorus) Rhabdocnemis obscura Boisd.).  
Leaf hoppers (Perkinsiella bicoloris Muir).  
Leaf hoppers (Perkinsiella lalokensis Muir).  
Leaf hoppers (Perkinsiella papuensis Muir).  
Leaf hoppers (Perkinsiella rattlei Muir).  
Leaf hoppers (Perkinsiella variegata Muir).  
Leaf hoppers (Perkinsiella vastatrix Breddin).

Fungi

COCONUT:

Pestalozzia palmarum Cke., leaf disease and bud rot of  
coconut.  
Pythium palmivorum Butler, Godavari disease of coconut.

RUBBER:

Fomes (semitosa) lignosus Klotzsch, root rot.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

(Statutory Rules, No. 4 of 1923, Feb. 28, 1923)

Citation

Article 1. These regulations may be cited as the Plants' (Importation) Regulations, 1923.

Definitions

Art. 2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates,

"Importer" includes the person who introduces any plant or the consignee of any plant.

"Plants" means trees or plants and includes cuttings and slips of trees and plants and all live parts of plants and trees.

Art. 3. Revokes previous regulations.

#### Duties of Importer

Art. 4. (1) The importer or intending importer of any plants shall, before the plants are introduced or landed in the Territory, notify the principal officer of customs at a port of entry of the fact that such plants are intended to be introduced into the Territory by him.

(2) The importer shall thereafter cause the plants and the boxes, bags, and wrappings in which they are contained to be placed in the tent provided for the purpose of fumigation, or to such other structure as the principal officer of customs may direct and in such manner as such officer shall approve.

#### Fumigation of Plants Required

Art. 5. Such plants, together with boxes, bags, and wrappings in which they are contained, shall then be fumigated by the method provided by the Director of Agriculture, under the supervision of the principal officer of customs or such officer as he may appoint, before the same are removed.

#### Plants May Not Be Removed before Fumigation

Art. 6. No person shall remove the plants, boxes, bags, or wrappings in which they are contained from the tent or structure in which they have been so placed for the purpose of fumigation, until after they have been fumigated, as provided by these regulations.

#### Restrictions on the Importation of Cottonseed

Art. 7. No cottonseed shall be imported or introduced into the Territory unless:

(1) The importer or intending importer shall, before the cottonseed is introduced or landed in the Territory, notify the principal officer of customs at a port of entry of the fact that such cottonseed is intended to be introduced into the Territory by him.

(2) The importer or intending importer furnishes such principal officer of customs with a certificate from some responsible officer of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Queensland:

(a) That the cottonseed has been examined and fumigated by expert officers of the Department of Agriculture concerned, or

(b) That the cottonseed has been examined by expert officers of the Department of Agriculture concerned and that it is free from disease.

Provided, that in cases where cottonseed is imported by and consigned to the Government, the Director of Agriculture, on being satisfied in such manner as seems to him sufficient that the cottonseed has been properly fumigated in Queensland before shipment, or that it is free from disease, may, in writing, authorize the principal officer of customs to permit the landing and delivery of the cottonseed without requiring the production of any such certificate.

#### Restrictions on Importation of Coffee Seed

Art. 7a. No coffee seed shall be imported or introduced into the Territory except when obtained by or through the Director of Agriculture. Any coffee seed imported or introduced in breach of this regulation may be seized and destroyed by any officer of customs. (Amendment through Statutory Rules No. 10, May 8, 1929.)

#### Restrictions on Importation of Sugarcane

Art. 7b. No sugarcane shall be imported or introduced into the Territory unless:

(1) The importer or intending importer shall, before the sugarcane is introduced or landed in the Territory, notify the principal officer of customs at a port of entry of the fact that such sugarcane is intended to be introduced into the Territory by him; and

(2) The importer or intending importer furnishes the Director of Agriculture with the following certificates:

(a) A certificate from a responsible officer of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Queensland that the sugarcane has been properly fumigated under the personal supervision of a person properly qualified to carry out such fumigation; and



(b) A certificate from a properly qualified plant pathologist that the sugarcane is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, from a disease-free area and free from diseases; and

(c) A certificate from a properly qualified entomologist that the sugarcane is free from injurious insects.

(3) The director of Agriculture is satisfied with the certificates so furnished, whereupon the said Director of Agriculture may authorize the said principal officer of customs by wireless or in writing to permit the introduction into the Territory of the said sugarcane without observing the other conditions of these regulations. (Amendment through Statutory Rules No. 11, July 21, 1930.)

#### Restrictions on Importation of Tobacco Seed

Art. 7c. No tobacco seed shall be imported or introduced into the Territory, except when obtained by or through the Director of Agriculture. Tobacco seed imported in breach of this regulation may be seized and destroyed by any officer of customs. (Amendment through Statutory Rule No. 4 of 1934.)

#### IMPORTATION OF BANANAS PROHIBITED

(Proclamation of May 23, 1927)

In this proclamation, the Lieutenant-Governor, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, prohibits the importation or introduction of any banana, banana plant (Musa spp.) or part thereof into the Territory.